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1. Pétervására is 14 km northwest of Eger. Between it and Bátor is a large military camp and exercise area, and in addition there is an AAA barracks at the west side of the village.
2. In the barracks complex of the camp is stationed part of the Eger motorized rifle regiment [redacted] Units there are the reconnaissance company, the mortar company and the A/T company, equipped with 76.2 mm guns.
3. Two of the rifle battalions are at the camp. The 1st Battalion [redacted] commander is First Lt. József Molnar, 30 years old. His staff consists of a deputy commander, a political officer, a quartermaster, a motor officer (Lt. László Kisbéri), a weapons and munitions officer, a garage chief, a surgeon, an armorer, and two instructors, Lt. János Nagy and Sub-Lt. Károly Lifka. Battalion formations are: a staff platoon, 32 to 35 men, with machine pistols and rifles; an AA machine gun platoon of three squads, 35 men; a communications platoon, 30 men, with a radio squad and a telephone squad; a mortar platoon of two squads, 30 men with 82 mm mortars; an A/T company of two platoons with two squads each, 84 men with four 57 mm A/T guns.
4. The 1st Rifle Company has three platoons of three squads each, 95 to 100 men all told. The armament consists of 5 pistols, 20 rifles, 65 machine pistols and one Maxim heavy machine gun. Rifles are normally

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carried only by auto drivers, clerks, etc. The 2nd Company is similarly organized and armed and is commanded by Lt. Peter Falus, 26 years old; so is the 3rd Company, commanded by Lt. Lajos Zoltán. There is a 4th Company for refresher training of reservists, of 90 to 95 men, armed with one 57 mm A/T gun, one 82 mm mortar, one 120 mm mortar, nine Degtyarev light machine guns, three Maxim heavy machine guns, five bazookas and 90 machine pistols.

5. The 3rd Battalion, with the regimental staff, is in Eger. Including the reservists the regiment has 1,250 men. The active men are well trained and morale is not bad, although discipline is strict. Food is adequate and of medium quality. The active men belong to the classes of 1929-1932, reservists to the classes of 1924-27.
6. Some reservists from other arms come to the regiment for training. Emphasis among them is laid on political training and the use of heavy weapons.
7. The auto park at Pétervására consists of 8 jeeps, 8 or 9 passenger cars; 38 to 40 troop carriers with three axles; 16 to 18 trucks and 10 to 12 weapons.
8. The AAA barracks consists of: a two-story stone command building, 30 x 70 m; 12 one-story barracks, each 20 x 40 m; and one repair shop, 40 x 45 m. At this barracks is an AAA section (Abteilung) of over 600 men, divided into three batteries. Each battery has six 37 mm automatic guns.
9. At the camp there are three underground concrete munitions bunkers, each 10 x 15 m.

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